

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6 – 13, 15, 16 and 18 – 21 remain in the application and are amended herein. Claims 1 – 4, 12 – 16 and 21 are rejected. Claims 5 – 11 and 17 – 20 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Claims 3 – 5, 14 and 17 are canceled herein. No new matter has been added. Although this Amendment is being timely filed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Claim 1 is amended to include the recitations of claims 2, 3, 4 and objected to claim 5, also to address the objections to claims 4 and 5. Claim 13 is amended to include the recitations of claim 14 and objected to claim 17, and also to address the objections to claims 14 and 17, and also to clarify that the public communication network is a PSTN.

Additionally, all remaining dependent claims are amended to depend from amended claims 1 and 13, obviating the need for any discussion of the rejection of Claims 1 – 4, 12 – 16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) or 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,785,229 to McNiff et al. alone, or further in combination with admitted prior art or any other reference of record. Further amendments to claims 6 – 12, 15, 16 and 18 – 21 are, in part, for punctuation. No new matter has been added, and all remaining claims are believed allowable. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the objection to claims 6 – 11 and 18 – 20 and the rejection of claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 21.

The drawings are objected to because in Figure 2, 144 and 150 identify the same thing. Responsive thereto, a replacement Figure 2 is included herewith, extending the lead line from “144” to indicate the dashed line to the left of “150” in accord with original Figures 1, 3 and 5. No new matter has been added.

Claims 4 – 12 and 14 – 21 are objected to because of informalities in claims 4 and 14. However, claims 4 and 14 are canceled herein, and the objections have been addressed in

independent claims 1 and 13. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the claims because of informalities in claims 4 and 14 is respectfully requested.

The applicant has considered the other references cited but not relied upon and finds them to be no more relevant than the references relied upon for the rejection.

The applicant thanks the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the application to be in condition for allowance, both for the amendment to the claims and for the reasons set forth above, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to claims 6 – 12 and 18 – 21, reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) or 103(a) and allow the application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 2, including one (1) replacement sheet with Figure 2, replacing the original sheet including Figure 2. In particular as required by the Examiner, the lead line from "144" in Figure 2 is extended to indicate the dashed line to the left of "150" in accord with original Figures 1, 3 and 5.